

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE
COMMISSIONERS, PURCHASE FIRE DISTRICT, PURCHASE, NY,
Held on Thursday July 16, 2026**

Chairman Joseph Brefere called the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 6:25 PM.

Attending were: Chairman Brefere, Commissioners R. Makowski, A. Mignone and G. Scott Sala, Treasurer L. Saenger and Chief A. Buch.

The acceptance of the May and June 2026 minutes was tabled due to lack of necessary attending Commissioners.

On a motion by Commissioner Brefere, seconded by Commissioner Mignone and carried unanimously, Hudson Marciano was accepted as a non-resident probationary member of the fire company.

R. Makowski reported that, according to bond counsel, pre-payment for the new engine could be construed as a loan to the manufacturer thus putting the tax-exempt status of the bonds in question. On a motion by Commissioner Makowski, seconded by Commissioner Brefere and carried unanimously, the motion at the June meeting authorizing this was rescinded.

On a motion by Commissioner Makowski, seconded by Commissioner Brefere and carried unanimously, all requests from the fire company must be routed through the Chief or President, as applicable, prior to submission to the Board for action.

R. Makowski presented Board members with a first half 2026 budget versus expenditure report and requested the 2027 budget process commence in August.

R. Makowski reported that he has investigated upgrading our existing surveillance system to add cameras and more coverage areas. He also reported that to update existing hardware, software and additional licensing needed would not be cost effective. He has secured a quote of \$28,993.11 for a new network system from our security vendor, Powercom. In accordance with our procurement policy, 2 additional written quotes will be sought. On a motion by Commissioner Sala, seconded by Commissioner Mignone and carried unanimously, this project, to cost approximately \$30,000.00, was approved.

R. Makowski reported that mold has been discovered in a basement recreation room drywall. He has received a quote in the amount of \$4,280.31. On a motion by Commissioner Sala, seconded by Commissioner Brefere and carried unanimously, this work was authorized.

Chief Buch reported on fire calls and ongoing training and submitted a request to approve an ongoing mutual aid firefighter. On a motion by Commissioner Makowski, seconded by Commissioner Sala and carried unanimously, Mario Flores of the Belltown, Connecticut fire department was approved as a mutual aid firefighter.

On a motion by Commissioner Brefere, seconded by Commissioner Sala and carried unanimously, the outstanding claims were ordered paid.

Robert Makowski

MEETING NOTICE

The August 2026 monthly meeting will be held on Thursday August 20, 2026 at 6:30 PM.